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Absconder-Level Three Sex Offender Arrested

On today's date during the early morning hours, Officers from the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) Fugitive Crimes Unit and Deputies from the United States Marshals Service (USMS), which are members of the USMS Fugitive Investigative Strike Team (F.I.S.T.), arrested John Ferrin, a Level Three Sex Offender Absconder in Glendale, Arizona. A Level Three is a High Classification for a sex offender.

Investigators received information from a citizen, after searching the DPS Web site "Sex Offender InfoCenter" Web site, of where the absconder was located. The address: 7920 West Glendale Avenue, Space #29 is located in the Glendale West Trailer Park, where the absconder was living with his girlfriend. A surveillance was conducted by the F.I.S.T. Investigators to verify the information and then they approached the residence, announced their purpose and took the absconder into custody. The Glendale West Trailer Park is a community of families with children.

John Ferrin, was originally charged with sex offense crimes in the State of Washington; First Degree Statutory Rape and Second Degree Indecent Liberties, which occurred between 1984 to 1986. He was convicted on September 19, 1986. The crimes involve very lewd and heinous, repeated sexual acts with the victim, who is his daughter and who was 11 years of age in 1984.

He was sentenced under the statutes in the State of Washington for that time period, however related offenses have since been greatly enhanced in penalty. For the first offense, First Degree Statutory Rape, he received a sentence of 45-54 months. For the second offense, Second Degree Indecent Liberties, he received a sentence of 21-27 months. He served the maximum sentence of 54 months.

John Ferrin, with his arrest today by the Investigators from the F.I.S.T. unit, will be charged with Arizona State Statute 13-3824 for his Failure to Register and provide updates as a sex offender, as required by A.R.S. 13-3821 and 1322. This violation is a Class 4 Felony for which he could receive approximately 2-4 years in prison. It is unknown at this time if John Ferrin has committed any sexual offenses since his conviction in Washington.

The DPS Web Site Photo information on John Ferrin from the Web Site, will be available only up until approximately 8:00 PM this evening, since he is now in custody and the site will be updated with his information being removed.

Related Information: Please visit the following Web Sites

DPS Main Page: <http://www.azdps.gov>

Sex Offender InfoCenter Web Site: <http://az.gov/webapp/offender/main.do>